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Attorney General John Ashcroft US Department of Justice 950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW Washington, DC 20530

Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

I am happy to hear that a settlement has been reached between Microsoft and the Department of Justice. This settlement was reached after three years of litigation and with the assistance of a court appointed mediator and should be allowed to pass through public review.

Microsoft, in my view, has agreed to more than enough, and has compromised more than any other company has ever been asked to. Microsoft has agreed to share even more information about their software design. In addition, Microsoft has agreed to be under the constant monitoring of a government created technology committee, which will review Microsoft's software codes and books. This committee will ensure that Microsoft abides by the agreement.

Our federal government and Microsoft have been in battle for three years. Allowing Microsoft to create and innovate, not litigate, would be a huge step in that direction. Beyond the good of Microsoft, this settlement is in the public interest, allows the fostering of competition across the entire industry and sets a positive benchmark for future similar issues.

Sincerely,

Robert Greene